

**U.S. District Court
Southern District of New York (Foley Square)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-09604-KPF**

International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States
Citizenship and Immigration Services
Assigned to: Judge Katherine Polk Failla
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/01/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/01/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Filing Fee \$ 402.00, Receipt Number ANYSDC-28508665) Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit FOIA Request).(Zaretsky, Alexandra) (Entered: 11/01/2023)
11/01/2023	<u>2</u>	CIVIL COVER SHEET filed..(Zaretsky, Alexandra) (Entered: 11/01/2023)
11/01/2023	<u>3</u>	RULE 7.1 CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. No Corporate Parent. Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc...(Zaretsky, Alexandra) (Entered: 11/01/2023)
11/01/2023	<u>4</u>	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc...(Zaretsky, Alexandra) (Entered: 11/01/2023)
11/02/2023		***NOTICE TO ATTORNEY REGARDING CIVIL CASE OPENING STATISTICAL ERROR CORRECTION: Notice to attorney Alexandra Zaretsky. The following case opening statistical information was erroneously selected/entered: Jurisdiction code 3 (Federal Question); County code Albany;. The following correction(s) have been made to your case entry: the Jurisdiction code has been modified to 2 (U.S. Government Defendant); the County code has been modified to New York;. (jgo) (Entered: 11/02/2023)
11/02/2023		CASE OPENING INITIAL ASSIGNMENT NOTICE: The above-entitled action is assigned to Judge Katherine Polk Failla. Please download and review the Individual Practices of the assigned District Judge, located at https://nysd.uscourts.gov/judges/district-judges . Attorneys are responsible for providing courtesy copies to judges where their Individual Practices require such. Please download and review the ECF Rules and Instructions, located at https://nysd.uscourts.gov/rules/ecf-related-instructions ..(jgo) (Entered: 11/02/2023)
11/02/2023		Magistrate Judge Stewart D. Aaron is designated to handle matters that may be referred in this case. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b)(1) parties are notified that they may consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge. Parties who wish to consent may access the necessary form at the following link: https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/AO-3.pdf . (jgo) (Entered: 11/02/2023)
11/02/2023		Case Designated ECF. (jgo) (Entered: 11/02/2023)
11/02/2023	<u>5</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED as to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services..(jgo) (Entered: 11/02/2023)
11/09/2023	<u>6</u>	NOTICE OF INITIAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE: Initial Conference set for 1/30/2024 at 02:30 PM before Judge Katherine Polk Failla. The conference will be held telephonically. At the scheduled date and time, the parties are to call (888) 363-4749 and enter access code 5123533. SO ORDERED. (Signed by Judge Katherine Polk Failla on 11/9/2023) (vfr) (Entered: 11/09/2023)
11/27/2023	<u>7</u>	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Mariko Hirose on behalf of International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc...(Hirose, Mariko) (Entered: 11/27/2023)
12/01/2023	<u>8</u>	AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE (FOIA CASE). United States Citizenship and Immigration Services served on 11/16/2023, answer due 12/18/2023. Service was made by MAIL. Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc...(Zaretsky, Alexandra) (Entered: 12/01/2023)
12/13/2023	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services..(Beamer, Monica) (Entered: 12/13/2023)
12/14/2023	<u>10</u>	LETTER MOTION to Adjourn Conference addressed to Judge Katherine Polk Failla from Monica Beamer dated 12/14/2023. Document filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services..(Beamer, Monica) (Entered: 12/14/2023)

12/15/2023	<u>11</u>	ORDER granting <u>10</u> Letter Motion to Adjourn Conference. Application GRANTED. The initial pretrial conference scheduled for January 30, 2024, is hereby ADJOURNED sine die. The parties shall provide the Court with a status report on or before February 16, 2024. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate the pending motion at docket number 10. (Signed by Judge Katherine Polk Failla on 12/15/2023) (rro) (Entered: 12/15/2023)
02/16/2024	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT. Document filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services..(Beamer, Monica) (Entered: 02/16/2024)
02/20/2024	<u>13</u>	MEMO ENDORSEMENT on re: <u>12</u> Status Report filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. ENDORSEMENT: Application GRANTED. The Court appreciates the Government's status report. (Dkt. #12). The parties shall provide the Court with a status report on or before March 18, 2024. (Signed by Judge Katherine Polk Failla on 2/20/2024) (rro) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
03/18/2024	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Peter Max Aronoff on behalf of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services..(Aronoff, Peter) (Entered: 03/18/2024)
03/18/2024	<u>15</u>	STATUS REPORT. <i>(joint) and proposal for further status report by April 19</i> Document filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services..(Aronoff, Peter) (Entered: 03/18/2024)
03/19/2024	<u>16</u>	MEMO ENDORSEMENT on re: <u>15</u> Status Report filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. ENDORSEMENT: Application GRANTED. In light of the Government's representation that it will complete its processing of the results of its supplemental search on or before May 13, 2024, the parties shall provide the Court with a further status report on or before May 16, 2024. (Signed by Judge Katherine Polk Failla on 3/19/2024) (rro) (Entered: 03/19/2024)
04/25/2024	<u>17</u>	CONSENT MOTION for Mariko Hirose to Withdraw as Attorney . Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order Granting Consent Motion to Withdraw Appearance of Mariko Hirose).(Hirose, Mariko) (Entered: 04/25/2024)
04/26/2024	<u>18</u>	ORDER GRANTING CONSENT MOTION TO WITHDRAW APPEARANCE OF MARIKO HIROSE granting <u>17</u> CONSENT MOTION for Mariko Hirose to Withdraw as Attorney.The Court wishes Ms. Hirose well in her future endeavors. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate Ms. Hirose as counsel of record to Plaintiff, and to further terminate the pending motion at docket entry 17. Attorney Mariko Hirose terminated. (Signed by Judge Katherine Polk Failla on 4/26/2024) (jca) (Entered: 04/26/2024)
05/16/2024	<u>19</u>	STATUS REPORT. <i>and proposal for further status report by July 12, 2024</i> Document filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services..(Aronoff, Peter) (Entered: 05/16/2024)
05/17/2024	<u>20</u>	MEMO ENDORSEMENT on re: <u>19</u> Status Report filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services ENDORSEMENT Application GRANTED. The parties shall provide the Court with a further status report on or before July 12, 2024. SO ORDERED. (Signed by Judge Katherine Polk Failla on 5/17/2024) (jca) (Entered: 05/17/2024)
07/12/2024	<u>21</u>	STATUS REPORT. <i>(joint) and proposal for further status report by August 12, 2024</i> Document filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services..(Aronoff, Peter) (Entered: 07/12/2024)
07/15/2024	<u>22</u>	MEMO ENDORSEMENT on re: <u>21</u> Status Report filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. ENDORSEMENT: Application GRANTED. The parties shall provide the Court with a furtherstatus report on or before August 12, 2024. (Signed by Judge Katherine Polk Failla on 7/15/2024) (rro) (Entered: 07/15/2024)
08/12/2024	<u>23</u>	STATUS REPORT. <i>(joint) and proposal for further status report by September 12, 2024</i> Document filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services..(Aronoff, Peter) (Entered: 08/12/2024)
08/13/2024	<u>24</u>	MEMO ENDORSEMENT on re: <u>23</u> Status Report filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. ENDORSEMENT: Application GRANTED. The parties

		shall provide the Court with a further status report on or before September 12, 2024. SO ORDERED. (Signed by Judge Katherine Polk Failla on 8/13/2024) (sgz) Modified on 8/15/2024 (sgz). (Entered: 08/13/2024)
08/14/2024	<u>25</u>	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Deepa Alagesan on behalf of International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc...(Alagesan, Deepa) (Entered: 08/14/2024)
08/14/2024	<u>26</u>	CONSENT MOTION for Alexandra Zaretsky to Withdraw as Attorney . Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order Proposed Order).(Zaretsky, Alexandra) (Entered: 08/14/2024)
08/15/2024	<u>27</u>	MEMO ENDORSEMENT granting <u>26</u> CONSENT MOTION for Alexandra Zaretsky to Withdraw as Attorney. ENDORSEMENT The Court wishes Ms. Zaretsky well in her future endeavors. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate the pending motion at docket entry 26. Attorney Alexandra Zaretsky terminated. (Signed by Judge Katherine Polk Failla on 8/15/2024) (jca) (Entered: 08/15/2024)
09/16/2024	<u>28</u>	STATUS REPORT. (<i>joint</i>) and <i>proposal for further status report by October 15, 2024</i> Document filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services..(Aronoff, Peter) (Entered: 09/16/2024)
09/18/2024	<u>29</u>	MEMO ENDORSEMENT on re: <u>28</u> Status Report filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. ENDORSEMENT: Application GRANTED. The parties shall provide the Court with a further status report on or before October 15, 2024. SO ORDERED. (Signed by Judge Katherine Polk Failla on 9/18/2024) (sgz) (Entered: 09/18/2024)